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A NEWLY IDENTIFIED PROBABLE SAM SITE IS LOCATED IN THE APPROXIMATE CENTER OF SSU CHIAO SHAN (ISLAND) AT 30-42-30N 122-27-50E. THE SITE HAS AN IRREGULAR PATTERN AND CONSISTS OF FOUR OCCUPIED PROBABLE LAUNCH POSITIONS AND A POSSIBLY OCCUPIED CENTRAL GUIDANCE AREA, (RADAR TYPE CANNOT BE DETERMINED DUE TO PHOTO QUALITY). NO MISSILES OR MISSILE-RELATED EQUIPMENT ARE OBSERVED. THE PROBABLE SAM SITE IS NEGATED ON MISSION [ ] AN ANALYSIS OF ORIGINAL NEGATIVE IMAGERY ACQUIRED BY THE TRACKER CAMERA REVEALS THE REPORTED MISSILE IN FLIGHT AT 044600 ZULU TO BE A PLUS DENSITY AREA APPARENTLY CAUSED BY INTERNAL REFLECTIONS WITHIN THE CAMERA OR CAMERA BAY. THE SAME DEGRADATION APPEARS IN THE SAME RELATIVE FRAME POSITION AT ZULU TIMES OF 033100, 033200, 033300, 033330, AND 033430. THESE DEGRADATIONS OCCUR DURING THE PERIODS OF EVASIVE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE AIRCRAFT. THEY ARE QUITE SIMILAR TO PATTERNS OBSERVED ON OTHER MISSIONS CONTAINING FRAMES ACQUIRED UNDER SIMILAR ATTITUDE CONDITIONS.

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